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FREEDOM OF CONSCIENCE.

I.

Free in its birthright is the soul—
And free, God's truth, His gift to man:
Submissive to His wise control,
They spurn earth's dark contracted span.

II.

The heart sincere, the spirit pure,
The zeal that works by love and peace,
In His free service shall endure,
And feel their strength and joy increase.

III.

Honor to him who honors truth,
Where'er her sacred form appears—
Whose heart is hers in age, in youth,
Through storm and calm, in smiles and tears!

IV.

Honor to him who nobly stands
By conscience, in her tempted hour;
Who reads Heaven's law in her commands,
And owns through life her guiding power!

V.

Though bigots threat, and mystics rave,
And tyrants plot to do him wrong,
His soul disdains to act the slave—
In bonds, still free—in perils, strong.

VI.

He looks in faith to God above,
Whose ways are marked on ages gone—
Whose chariot-wheels, though slow they move,
Still bear the truth triumphant on.

LITERARY AND SOCIAL ENTERTAINMENT.

GOLDEN GATE LODGE, NO. 129, I. O. B. B., MAY 4.

The Lodge celebrated their second anniversary by offering to a number of the brethren and their friends, quite a treat. This was in the form of an elaborately engraved invitation, enclosing complimentary admission tickets to the Literary and Terpsichorean entertainment. Pacific Hall was crowded with the beauty and talent of our young folks, and quite a number of older ones. The introductory remarks by the President, were appropriate, and were listened to with attention. The address by Bro. G. M. Berry, was frequently interrupted by well merited applause. He offered some invaluable suggestions to parents, relative to their duty in educating their children—as Jews; and introduced several salient points, rendering the address interesting throughout. Bro. Berry spoke altogether from notes, and had it been written out in full, it could not have been delivered more fluently. He has set an example—encouraging literary exercises on the part of his Lodge—worthy of imitation. The dancing was the closing feature of the evening, and was very heartily enjoyed.

Evil is like the nightmare, the instant you bestir yourself it is ended.

Literary Notices.

THE ATLANTIC MONTHLY—MAY.

An unusual activity seems to animate the old publishing house of Ticknor & Fields (now Osgood & Co.,) Boston, since the change of proprietorship. A score or more of valuable or entertaining books are advertised, either as issued or under way. Among these we notice "Topics of the Time," by Parton, a duodecimo of eleven essays, marked doubtless by the point, research, elegance of style and artistic arrangement of material, which have placed him among the first essayists of our time; Goethe's Faust, by Bayard Taylor, said to be a marvel of poetical translation; Essays, critical, literary and biographical, by E. P. Whipple, the last of which especially we shall be very glad to see, remembering the rare powers of insight and analysis possessed by this author; a new edition of Hawthorne's works; several novels by eminent writers; a volume of essays styled "My Study Windows," from the acute, humorous and most genial Prof. J. R. Lowell; and many republicatins of standard American works. This firm, like the Chambers of Edinburg, is creating and feeding a higher and less exceptional literary taste than has hitherto prevailed in America, and we hope it will have a like reward and appreciation.

"The Descent of Fire" will be read by the philosophic Mythologist (if there be such an animal on the Western Continent) and by all scientific sceptics, who indignantly refuse to allow the spirits to cut any Gordian knot whatever, with peculiar interest. They will find the origin of rhabdomancy, of the water-divining power ascribed to the hazel-rod, of Œdipus and the Sphynx, and of a great many other singular myths and superstitions, that have existed in all nations seemingly since the creation of Adam, and will not like him be ejected,—made as clear as lightning (this time) can do it; though the lovers of the marvelous and poetic will of course join Hood's "Midsummer Fairies" in a wail of despair at so destructive a glare of light being let in on their shady haunts. For ourselves (to satisfy any over-inquisitive reader as to *our* opinion) we think the motto, "*In medio tutissimus ibis*," is safest in *all* dark places; and though agreeing in the main with Mr. Fiske, we are disposed to think that his ingenious key will hardly open all the locks of those antique safes to which he would apply it. If (as we have often witnessed) the hazel-rod *turns forcibly* downwards in the hands of some people, it will scarcely do to poo-poo that fact, any more than table-turning, and call it a cheat or superstition. Besides, we know many of the chief classical myths, such as the stone of Sisyphos, the punishment of Tantalus, Minerva's birth, Phaethon's tragic first essay at teaming, Saturn and the eating of his children, Jupiter's revenge and the mode in which he took it, the birth of Venus from the sea, the binding and torture of Prometheus, the mode of his deliverance, the story of Jason and the Golden Fleece, of the enchantress Medea and her flight to Olympus, the Trojan war with its swarming progeny of myths, etc., etc., the *undoubted* solutions of which (we may give them some day) will hardly square with Mr. Fisk's theory that the period of a myth's luxurious development dates from the time when its physical significance is lost or obscured, though they will amply vindicate his principle that myths are explainable by the phenomena of Nature. We challenge him, however, to discover those we have named by the application of his principles. His paper is a very keen and erudite one, and will give valuable help to many. The article, "Organization of Labor," is worthy of the serious attention it no doubt will receive, touching as it does upon the intricate and vexed problems of sociology and the modes of adjusting the relations of capital and labor. We have in our Whispering Gallery another long and delightful chapter of reminiscences about the last days of Hawthorne, which will be read by many with a tearful interest. Every memento of the past concerning him confirms us in our sorrow, that "we shall ne'er look upon his like again."

The *Atlantic*, for this month, has three or four unusually attractive papers; may it long flourish.

ORPHAN ASYLUM.

As mentioned in our issue of the 5th inst., the Trustees of the Orphan Asylum and Home I. O. B. B., at their meeting, held April 22d, received an official communication from the Secretary of a preliminary organization, and to which the Secretary was instructed to respond in consonance with the sentiment of the meeting.

The Trustees, at a meeting held on the 7th inst. received a second communication, and responded thereto by preamble and resolutions.

Through the courtesy of the President, Jacob Greenebaum, Esq., and the kindness of Mr. Badt, the Secretary, copies of the correspondence were at our solicitation afforded, and we are thus enabled to place them before the community.

SAN FRANCISCO, April 21, 1871.

To the President and Board of Trustees of the Jewish Orphan Asylum and Home I. O. B. B.

GENTLEMEN:—In accordance with the instructions of the Chairman of the General Committee, Rev. Dr. E. Cohn, and the Chairman of the Executive Committee, Isaac Wormser, Esq., I am authorized to impart to you a brief synopsis of what steps have been taken towards organizing in our midst a Jewish Orphan Asylum and Home for the aged and infirm.

We are unanimous in our conviction that you are eminently entitled to an official statement of our progress, therefore beg to inform you that on Sunday, March 5th, a number of co-religionists assembled informally to consider the importance of establishing an institution of the above character, and perfected a temporary organization by electing Rev. Dr. Cohn Chairman, and the undersigned Secretary, and then adjourned.

The second meeting assembled March 8th, when a committee was appointed to extend invitations to other Israelitish gentlemen representing all the various congregational and benevolent interests of the city, to participate with the preliminary committee, and to re-assemble when the new appointments were completed.

The General Committee, thus enlarged, met March 28th; the various Jewish institutions being represented, and a new organization had, which resulted in the re-election of the same officers previously mentioned. At this meeting it was determined that an Executive Committee of Fifteen be appointed to take the necessary steps to call into life a Jewish Orphan Asylum and Home for the aged and infirm, and invite the co-operation of all Israelites on the Pacific coast, irrespective of sex or nationality.

On the 19th of the present month, the Executive Committee met and appointed the following sub-committees: First, a committee to draft a Constitution and By-laws, and to report to the General Committee for their adoption, the names of the officers to serve for the first ninety days; Second, a committee to solicit membership, donations and subscriptions; and, Third, a committee to issue an appeal to all Israelites on the Pacific Coast, setting forth the objects of our organization, and to carry on a general correspondence. The meeting thereupon adjourned.

I respectfully submit the foregoing as a correct recital of the proceedings as per the minutes of the meetings referred to.

We hope and expect your co-operation in aiding this noble undertaking—a necessity which appeals to every liberal heart, and in which you have taken the initiative—and assist us in laying broad and deep the foundation of an institution which shall extend its benefits to all co-religionists who may come within the purview of our charities.

With assurance of high regard, believe me very truly yours,

ALFRED P. ELFELT, *Sec'y pro tem.*

SECRETARY'S OFFICE,
Jewish Orphan Asylum and Home, I. O. B. B.,
San Francisco, April 24, 1871.

ALFRED P. ELFELT, ESQ., *Secretary of "a temporary organization for the establishment of a Jewish Orphan Asylum and Home."*

DEAR SIR:—At a meeting of the Trustees of the Jewish Orphan Asylum and Home, Independent Order B'nai B'rith, held the 22d inst., your communication of the 21st Aptil was received and duly considered, and in reply thereto, I was instructed to inform you, that it appears somewhat paradoxical to receive a communication addressed to "the Trustees of the Jewish Orphan Asylum and Home," etc., informing them of the formation of a temporary organization, whose object it is "*to establish* a Jewish Orphan Asylum and Home," etc., and asking their co operation.

The Trustees would be pleased to be informed of the nature of the co-operation your organization may require, assuring you, at the same time, that any laudable undertaking tending to the elevation as well as alleviation of their fellowmen, will always receive their cordial sympathy and support.

Yours, very respectfully,

[SEAL] ALEX. L. BADT,
Sec'y J. O. A. & H., I. O. B. B.

SAN FRANCISCO, May 4th, 1871.

ALEX. L. BADT, ESQ., *Secretary Jewish Orphan Asylum and Home, I. O. B. B.*

DEAR SIR:—Your communication of the 1st inst. has been placed in my hands, and received the attention its importance demanded, and in reply, I have the honor to state that we deemed it proper and due to the zeal and energy displayed by you in founding a similar organization, to inform you of our proceedings, and, if meeting your approval, to ask your co-operation. The institution we design establishing on the Pacific Coast, is based upon popular sympathy ever ready to support a great work of Charity, creditable, beneficial and accessible to all Israelites, independent of any congregational, benevolent or secret society however meritorious. The nature of the co-operation we respectfully solicit, merely consists in allowing the sources of our charitably disposed community to flow into one stream, and not divert its waters into different channels.

From the preceeding, you will observe that, in the interest of an institution to be formed for the general good, and universal in all its phases (limited only to those of Jewish faith) we invite the co-operation of your members as men in their individual capacity and not as an organization.

We hope that our institution, yet in its incipiency, will find in your acts, the friendliness which the noble sentiments expressed in the concluding remarks of your letter bespeaks.

Very, respectfully yours,

ALFRED P. ELFELT, *Sec'y pro tem.*

JEWISH ORPHAN ASYLUM AND HOME, I. O. B. B.
SAN FRANCISCO, May 7th, 1871.

ALFRED P. ELFELT, ESQ., *Secretary temporary organization for the establishment of a Jewish Orphan Asylum and Home.*

DEAR SIR:—In response to your communication of May 4th, the following was unanimously adopted at a meeting of the Board of Trustees, held this day. Very respectfully yours,

ALEX. L. BADT,
Secretary J. O. A. H., I. O. B. B.

WHEREAS, At a meeting of a Board of Trustees of the Jewish Orphan Asylum and Home, Independent Order B'nai B'rith, held on the 22d day of April, 1871, a communication was received, informing this body that a number of Israelitish gentlemen have formed a temporary organization with a view of calling into existence a Jewish Orphan Asylum and Home for Israelites of the Pacific Coast, and for that purpose, intend to form a permanent and distinct Hebrew Association, independent of any Congregation, Benevolent Society, or other organization, and

WHEREAS, From the said communication, as well as from a subsequent one received, upon particular inquiry from this body, it appears that the gentlemen composing the said temporary organization, believe that they will have the sympathy and support of all Israelites of this coast, and thus will be better able to carry out the much desired object, claiming from this body only the individual support of its members and their constituents; and

WHEREAS, The B'nai B'rith of District No. 4, comprising the States and Territories of the Pacific Coast, having long since felt the great want in our midst of such institutions, have, in accordance with the noble teachings of the Order, made it a subject of serious deliberations within the precincts of the jurisdiction, and with a full understanding of its importance and the responsibility, the sacrifices and the onerous duties it would devolve upon them, finally resolved to found an Orphan Asylum, and ultimately, a Home for the indigent; and fully aware that it would require the united action of all co-religionists to create and maintain such institutions, called upon all Jewish organizations of San Francisco, and upon individuals, for co-operation, but by reason of the many different views prevailing, having failed in all attempts at concerted action, determined notwithstanding to have the object carried out, even if it had to be done by them single-handed, and relying upon their own resources only, and therefore formed a legal corporation; and

WHEREAS, It has ever been our only desire to see the object of our labor consummated, disclaiming any special privileges as B'nai B'rith, therefore be it

Resolved, That the teachings, tenets and principles of our Order tend to the promotion of *all* laudable undertakings, more especially such as are founded for the alleviation of the poor, needy and friendless.

Resolved, That as individuals we will co-operate in furthering the object in view, as solicited, and will recommend the entire brotherhood to do likewise,—thus exemplifying the characteristic features of our Order.

Resolved, That as we devoutly wish for the fina consummation of the great object in view, no matter by whose instrumentality it be accomplished, we will

patiently await the result of the labors of the temporary organization of Israelites to found an Orphan Asylum and Home for the aged and infirm, though our corporation will remain intact and ready to resume operations should the efforts of the new organization prove futile.

Resolved, That a copy of the foregoing Preamble and Resolutions be transmitted to the Secretary of the temporary organization for the establishment of a Jewish Orphan Asylum and Home.

SAN FRANCISCO, May 11th, 1871.

ALEX. L. BADT, ESQ., *Secretary Jewish Orpan Asylum and Home, I. O. B. B.*

DEAR SIR:—The Preamble and Resolutions of the Jewish Orphan Asylum and Home, I. O. B. B., dated 7th inst., were received, and at a meeting of the Executive Committee, held Wednesday evening, May 10th, they were, by a unanimous vote, ordered spread upon the minutes. I take pleasure in stating that the various committees mentioned in my correspondence, dated April 21st, are energetically at work, and are actuated by one desire, the speedy and successful completion of their labors.

Very respectfully yours,

ALFRED P. ELFELT, *Sec'y pro tem.*

All the Committees are energetically working to accomplish the object. The Committee on Appeal will shortly report, when the same will be duly promulgated. We have every reason to hope that it will elicit a unanimous and hearty response. Let Israel's voice on the Pacific resound with a repercussive echo that will thrill the hearts of the Orphans with joy and gladness. May each respondent feel imbued with the fact that in thus assisting to succor the Orphan, he becomes the father of the *Fatherless* and the steward of the Mercy of the Lord!

R. W. EMERSON.

"Expende Hanibalem; quot libras in duce snmmo invenies?"

And what result have we, if we put the philosophic *ashes* of the Concord transcendental chieftain into the scale? Light enough indeed we shall find them, much lighter than even the most captious and illiberal of his numerous critics would admit. These have pointed out so well the unsound and diseased spots on this orb's surface, as it gyrated in its monotonous path for the last half century, that we need show only (what they have omitted,) the central source of its wanderings and disease. Had this been done before, in extenso, Emersonianism could not count or (we may, thank heaven, say) have counted among the young so many victims. Yes, victims—the word is quite appropriate—for the teaching of this writer and lecturer has been not only most absurd, but in many respects most prenicious. At one time, indeed, his disciples were so imbued with his *trust in Nature*, with his idolatry of a wreck,—all order and beauty, if their perverted vision could only be rectified—that many, we believe, played the hermit like Thoreau, and went off to the woods humming,

"When the night and morning lie,
When sea and land refuse to feed me
Twill be time enough to die."

This man would fain persuade us that Nature (the world external to man,) is erect and perfect, while man, *her fruit*,—whose every movement from birth to death is adjusted to physical law and necessity, as globules of water adjust themselves to a change of plane—is in a fallen, imperfect, chaotic state, at variance with himself! The pernicious consequences flowing from so great and fundamental a blunder are too numerous to specify; the seed has however produced its due crop of tares and thistles which time and the plow of truth must eradicate.

He pretends to explore Nature forsooth, "*with no past at his back.*" Very well; we have not the least objection, provided he gives us some signs that, *as an original*, he is equal to the task. A Sampson certainly can dispense with mechanical aid, and can easily prove to us his native strength; but what minor loads has Mr. Emerson lifted? what errors of his age has he removed? There were and are many of the grossest kind, and he has done nothing but re-echo them, as for example, "To the cadence of the whirling world that dances around the sun;" adding from his own resources largely to their sum. To us he has proved most conclusively that of all men he is incapable of "beholding Nature" (the external world) much less "God, (the internal one) face to face." The evils of the present world this sage asserts, are to disappear *gradually* (!!.) before man's advancing spirit—the common and oft repeated error of our day, with which Mr. Lowin likewise seems tainted—and we are to enter a new era "with no more wonder than the blind man feels who is gradually restored to perfect sight." What an ignoring or ignorance of the physical revolution that with a *violence* and *suddenness* analogous to animal death, cures all the diseases of Nature—the cause of all our misery—is there in this one sentence of this erring and misleading man! Nature (about whose methods he has prated so much) knows no such method of regeneration as his. *Construct, ruin, and rebuild*, is her motto and her way. Hers is not a linear progression *ad infinitum*; no; it is a circular movement, a ring of revolutions, wherein the processes of decay, death, total change and revival are, with the self-same elements, for ever repeated. For all that he would have us believe to the contrary, this man has exhibited none of the characteristics—has not perhaps even the temperament—of a serious truth-seeker and lover. If he had no "magnet by which to discover those intrinsically rich and beautiful," those whose thought would have lifted him body and soul out of the miserable fog in which he has dwelt so long, his was the fault and not his "brothers';" they *'have found'* and given in published works, the key to the secrets of nature, a key which "reconciling all phenomena," material and spiritual, vindicates itself; but the Concord theorist imprisoned in the "iron frame-work" of his own speculations could not break through to meet and welcome them; his *own originality* might have been compromised. At the close of a life that has been intellectually a wretched defeat, it is not "comforting" to learn that it *could have been far otherwise*, and that all of even his cotemporary "brothers were not such as he." But ah! it is not men like Emerson who "sell all and put themselves on the road" to truth and discovery!

No writings contain more *irreconcilable contradictions* than do those of Mr. Emerson, labored, revised, and polished *usque ad unguem* though they be. Does this arise because *the whim*, he would write upon his door-posts, as he tells us, must appear in the thought of the whimster; and because he himself follows the programme given for his disciples, viz: to roll out your thoughts of to-day like cannon balls, to the world, even thought they should knock into a cocked-hat all you uttered yesterday, and not to fear but that the sum total, properly cast, will show you consistent? We believe not at all; the true reason may be to some both interesting and useful: it is briefly this. As a physicist he has little or no knowledge of the sort of world in which he is—or of the origin of those earthly conditions and deformities which strike his eye but which he stubbornly refuses to see. But as an ethicist he does, in a great degree, comprehend spiritual laws. Now, what can the union of this darkness and light give us but precisely what it has. His spiritual truths must of course clash continually with his physical falsehoods. *Trust thyself, thine own eyes and conviction*, is the healthy reiterated mandate of the man; and strange! when he sees Nature "in ruin and in heaps" he thinks that it is an optical illusion which it is the province of his philosophy to combat and correct!! (See the latter part of his essay on Nature.)

In his poetry, however, where he sometimes exchanges the gloom of his self-constructed dungeon for the light and air of common sense and his violated intuitions—he mourns the poverty and *"blight"* of Nature, with a seemingly firm conviction of their reality. What a guide and teacher for his kind, saying and unsaying, his mind, on all important points, utterly at sea!

His mind is and has been for years a stagnation, a sterility; nor do we believe that any fertilizing influences of travel, reading, observation, intercourse with other minds can now open it to the reception of new truth-producing seed. As a man of culture and refinement, let us give him, by all means, a hospitable welcome and entertainment during his stay among us, but let us not waste our time listening to his stale old platitudes and aphorisms, his mosaic of epigrams styled "lecture," his moral common-places disguised in oriental or metaphysical dress and his trite truisms about character and spiritual laws, so vapid and pedantic in face of this sweating, struggling, suffering world of combat with material wants and foes. San Francisco is the last place where such wares as Mr. Emerson's are required.

INVITATION TO LECTURE.

Pacific Lodge, No. 48, I. O. B. B., extended an invitation to Past President, I. N. Choynski, to deliver an address before the Lodge, on such subject as he might be pleased to offer. We understand Bro. Choynski has accepted the invitation, and proposes to expatiate—Upon our duties as B'nai B'rith.

We presume Pacific Lodge will throw open her doors on that evening, and invite the members of sister lodges to attend.

Do not let us limit the fluent tongues of the gifted intellects, and bright lights of our Order, to the *confines* of the Lodge meeting in session, but call off from labor to (intellectual) refreshment, and invite *non* members of the *Order as well*.

The lecture will take place on Thursday Evening, May 25th, at 7½ o'clock.

LITERARY CULTURE.

LACK OF ENCOURAGEMENT.

In a former issue, under an article headed Literary Associations, we took occasion to use the following words: "When have we Jews come to esteem libraries—the custodians of all human wisdom and learning—of so little moment that they may be allowed to establish themselves by the haphazard generosity, or public spirit, of two or three individuals, and maintain themselves when started by the same or similarly fitful means. Be it, that the distant past is nothing? Be it, also, that it is too much to ask Jews to provide specially for their own literature—a literature that has moulded and is still moulding the thoughts of the civilized world—they surely ought to recognize the importance of the culture, knowledge and moral elevation that spring from an intercourse through books with the best and most active minds of our age. Should not the history of the past stimulate them for shame's sake to be at least not behind their Gentile neighbors in this respect, and upon whose libraries they are now almost wholly dependent."

And in this connection, we referred to the B'nai B'rith Library Association, having decided to hold a Picnic, *whereby* to *increase their* Library. Picnics are in themselves good things, but the occasion forces painfully to our thoughts the general apathy of our people, to institutions of this kind, that renders the holding of a picnic essentially necessary, in order to biennially augment their literary store.

We are gratified to perceive that the article we penned has had some effect, and more probably than has thus far come to our knowledge. We have received several communications—two of enquiry, asking in what way a few friends might best serve the Association. Two notes we are in receipt of, each enclosing a contribution. One of which (we omit residence and name) reads thus:

No. — street, May 10th.

VOICE OF ISRAEL:

Gents:—You are correct, we are as a people, too remiss in our support and encouragement towards our literary associations, and steadily they elsewhere, as well as here, *grow* to *decay*. The B. B. Library, I notice will give a picnic in aid of their Book Fund. Please hand the enclosed trifle to the librarian, or buy tickets and cancel them. Would it not be well for the Association to offer a series of literary entertainments, and thus appeal to the public more properly. Everything is apt to stand upon its own merit. If one is offered a theatre ticket, or picnic card, one buys or declines on that score. If the Association appeals, I say (as your article said) I am ready to aid it. Yours, ——.

We received another, enclosing three dollars to procure tickets and destroy them. Another party, one of our prominent merchants, accosted us a few days ago, saying: "Oh, by the bye, I do not go to picnics, but I see the B'rith Literary Society are to give a picnic in aid of their Library, will you be so kind and give them these five dollars? I have not been called on with tickets, or I would have taken some."

We are thus explicit, to show, firstly, that what we have heretofore written on the subject, has not been without result; and secondly, that some of the members who took exception to our so publicly recommending a change in the laws, whereby other than members of the Order could enjoy the privileges of their Library, may perceive that "if we want to let our light shine, we *must* be more liberal and public spirited than heretofore have been our Library associations, Social clubs and so-forth."

The picnic comes off on the 28th. We would recommend that a proper appeal be drawn up, or a list of "contributing members," with such (small) amount as annually they may be pleased to affix opposite their names. Throw open your doors, gentlemen—throw them widely open—and depend upon it, a list of over 300 contributing members can be obtained within a week at sums varying from three to twelve dollars per annum, or await till some more propituous occasion, but in the mean time, canvass the city properly and you will find that by one day's work, your picnic tickets will be all gone.

If the law be changed, as we have suggested, perhaps a new impetus will be the result, for it cannot be denied "*That* good will best profit us which we enjoy with all doors open," and that serves all men. We have every reason to assert that the usual liberality of our co-religionists will not fail to display itself when *duly* and *properly appealed to*.

REMOVAL.—J. M. Cohen & Co., Importers and dealers in Leaf Tobacco and Cigars, have removed from Clay St., to Nos. 320 and 322 Battery St., near Clay.

Correspondence.

NEW YORK CORRESPONDENCE.

NEW YORK, Eay 4th, 1871.

DEAR VOICE:—You dislike apologies, else I would offer an ample one, for omitting to dispatch my last in time, but as there was nothing, either wonderful or strange communicated therein, the real sufferer is myself, for I expect your No. 15 comes out to-morrow with one or two solid home-thrusts at "Justitia" for seeming neglect. [We merely apologized by stating that we presumed your letter had miscarried. Had we known that it was mailed behind time, we *would* have been more severe.]

PRESENTATIONS.

The practice of caning and silvering and pinning retiring officers and persons who have stepped across a street to do a favor, has not become obsolete, nor will it ever so become. Under this head I must mention that our worthy Rev. S. M. Isaacs was the recipient of a massive silver bowl, in token of appreciation of his services at the consecration of the congregation "Darech Amuno." A committee, accompanied by the Trustees, waited on the gentleman at his residence, and in a neat and extremly appropriate speech, tendered the testimonial. I suppose it is not necessary to assure you that in accepting thereof the Rev. S. M. Isaacs assured them that it was entirely unexpected and undeserved, that he esteemed it an honor to assist at the consecration, and while he accepted the offering, yet he felt that it was unduly bestowed.

RESOLUTIONS.

The Hebrew Benevolent and Orphan Asylum Association passed, some time ago, series of resolutions expressive of their appreciation of the "Golden Book of Life," (which I described in my letter of February) which Lazarus Morgenthau inaugurated at the Great Fair. It has been ordered that the resolutions be engrossed and presented to Mr. Morgenthau, and the same be duly published. This "Book of Life" will be continued at the Orphan Asylum, and as it has already been fairly filled (for the time being), it is believed that many a visitor will enroll his name therein, placing opposite such amount as their liberal heart and ability may warrant.

The Rev. Dr. Vidaver, whose able lecture I mentioned heretofore, delivered in the Ohabai Shalom Synagogue (Boston), has been presented with the following preamble and resolutions, which speak for themselves:

WHEREAS, The Rev. Dr. H. Vidaver untiringly and successfully addressed our congregation and the citizens generally, in the most eloquent and edifying manner, keeping our fellow-citizens of other creeds almost spell-bound with his eloquence and wisdom; expounding the doctrines and principles of Judaism, and laying bare most glitteringly the bright jewels of Israel's faith, ennobling us in our hearts, and making appreciative our noble designs—thereby elevating us in the minds of our fellow-men, by the comprehensive, enlarged and faithful views so earnestly and truthfully expressed;

WHEREAS, The Rev. Dr. H. Vidaver has awakened *in the bosom* of every Israelite of this city the *chords* of our religion, which were so much out of *tune*, though now since the valuable services of the Doctor, and the *indelible* impression made upon our hearts, redound in glorious strains of harmony and devotion; it is, therefore,

Resolved, That we will heed and foster the grand and moral doctrines expounded by the Rev. Dr. H. Vidaver, and that his words shall glow as a living fire upon the altar of our hearts, and that we shall ever gratefully cherish the affection and love we bear him, and keep green the wreath of friendship he has twined around us.

Resolved, That in the person of Rev. Dr. H. Vidaver we recognize a most distinguished divine, a classical scholar, an eloquent orator, and a gentleman of the most liberal and tolerant spirit, possessing the happy faculty of preparing the minds of the liberal and humanitarian to conceive the bright and genial light that gives life to the Israelitish fireside.

The Rev. Doctor certainly made as great an impression on their brains as upon their hearts, if we may judge by the *indellible* (ink) and their *fixed—stationery* faith.

HEBREW AND RELIGIOUS EDUCATION.

Many congregations would do well to emulate the example of the Benal Jeshurum of Paterson, New Jersey. It holds an evening school for Hebrew instruction and a Sunday School for the teaching biblical history, religion, etc. There is no use "mincing" the matter, we are not—especially in the larger cities—sufficiently alive to the necessities and requirements of the rising generation. How do our youth fare in this respect in San Francisco? I see occasionally a display in the way of "Barmitzvah" notice, and I believe confirmation, large attendance, "not a dry eye in the schule," etc., etc. But this is all the *least*.—[We have three excellent Sunday Schools, and

superior teachers. Our Rabbies superintending and proving our most indefatigable instructors.]

BANQUET.

At Concordia Hall a superb banquet was held on the 24th April. The Rev. J. Frankel was the honored recipient. There were some 300 invited guests present. The entertainment was given by the Rodef Sholom Synagogue, in view of Mr. Frankel's early departure for Europe. During the banquet, he was presented with a check for $800, by Mr. Teller, chairman of the committee, and with an engrossed address by Rev. Dr. Jastrow, who delivered remarks full of feeling and sincere regard for the estimable recipient. Speeches were then delivered by Revs. Hirsch, Jacobs, Morais, and Pape, His Honor, Recorder Simon Wolf of Washington, and others. The small hours of the morning appeared ere the company separated.

PROFICIENCY OF THE ORPHANS.

The *Public School Journal* states that in the Grammar Department of the school, the head boys in three of the eight classes are of the Hebrew Orphan Asylum, and the grade of many of them are above the average of those blessed with parents.

AMUSEMENTS.

Under this head I have nothing to report of sufficient interest to you beyond the general remark that the Concert season is over, and yet about to recommence. The Theatres only tolerably filled, with here and there an exceptional instance.

I purpose making a tour to Cape May and Niagara Falls early next month. Should my letters miss an issue during that period, do not be *too hard* upon

Yours, JUSTITIA.

LONDON CORRESPONDENCE.

LONDON, April 24th 1871.

VOICE OF ISRAEL.

GENTLEMEN:— My letter must be short for two reasons, firstly, I have occasion to go to Liverpool this evening, and secondly, there is quite a dearth of news—rather such items as might prove of interest to California.

LECTURES TO JEWISH WORKINGMEN.

Recently, a workingman lectured, and the subject chosen, "The History of Jewish Coinage," was imperfectly handled. Some structures were passed on two points. The literary and affluent did not honor the Hall by their presence, and it was considered that this was to evince displeasure as to the selection made by the committee, and again, many were severe upon them for not having ascertained the capabillities of the lecturer. Another has volunteered to give a lecture; the committee declined, "not on account of a want of talent in his part, but because they fear the place will be too small for the audience, he would undoubtedly attract. It is to be hoped that there will be no more "faux pas," by which the success of this object might be imperilled."

NEW PUBLICATION.

A work is in course of preparation, upon the Desert of the Exodus, by Mr. E. H. Palmer, M. A., fellow of St. John's College, Cambridge As Mr. Palmer accompanied the Sinai expedition in the Ordnance Survey during the years 1868—9, and subsequently visited the desert of the Tih, on behalf of the Palestine Exploration Fund, the work may be looked forward to, with great interest as the best account hitherto given of the Wilderness through which the children of Israel wandered.

MUNIFICENT DONATION.

The Committee of the Metropolitan Free Hospital have just received through its bankers, a third donation of £1000 under the initials "E. G." This munificent gift could not have been more opportunely made, as the Charity had been materially affected by the claims upon the benevolent, for purposes arising out of the late war.

EXCITING ELECTION.

We have had quite an interest created by the uniting of our co-religionists with the friends of Sheriff Jones—candidate for the Aldermanic seat of Portsoken, London. The other candidate was Colonel White, who, some four years ago, "when a candidate before the people" frequently remarked, that he did not consider a Jew was fit to represent the electors of the City of London. This and one or two other illebral sentiments, have not been forgotten, and there were held several meetings, and some considerable determined steps taken to defeat him—and he was defeated—although he acknowledged that having lived a few years longer he had learned that he was mistaken in his opinion etc., of the (Jewish) electors. It was too speedy a penitence, or "charge of front," as you Americans term it—to be swallowed—"it would not go down" and he was let down very gently, and very properly too. Colonel white opened his eyes to our "Motzo statistics," 63,000 persons supplied with passover buscuit, said he the other day, why how these people increase. And this reminds me to say

PASSOVER.

The Synagogues were crowded. The sermons well selected. The Rev. M. B. Levy, delivered a discourse, "The Pernicious effects of indifference and ingratitude," during which he pointed out the baneful effects of indifference in public and private life

A very excellent sermon was delivered in the Birmingham Synagogue, by the minister—G. J. Emanuel, B. A. The Past, Present and Future of Israel, was discoursed upon, in an interesting and edifying manner. I believe it will be published, if so, I will send you a copy.

VACANT GOVERNORSHIP,

Under the head of American items, one of our leading papers here, mentions that "Abraham Seligman, a member of the Republic of San Francisco, has offered himself as a candidate for the vacant governorship of California, and it is anticipated that the election will be in his favor." How is this? The VOICE in an article in No. 10, and also in No. 11, I notice by again referring to them, speaks of the best man for nomination by the conventions about to assemble to nominate candidates for the next election, and the *New York Messenger*, mentioned that Mr. Seligman had been tendered a nomination. It is no wonder we Englishmen get confused in the routine etc., of your laws and usages. Is San Francisco a republic? What is California? Probably the republican party was meant by the American paper from which *our* paper copied [We will send you our election laws and soforth if you wish! suffice it to say, that we have no vacant governsrship, there is always a Lieutenant to assume such positions. Mr. Seligman has not offered himself as a candidate, nor has the nominating convention of either political party, yet met for the purpose of nominating a candidate.]

FOREIGN INTELLIGENCE.

There being nothing especial to note beyond what you receive by cable, I will close.

Yours, ASHER.

LECTURES BY REV. DR. GEIGER.

REVISED TRANSLATION FROM THE GERMAN, MADE ESPECIALLY FOR THE "VOICE OF ISRAEL."

LECTURE III—REVELATION.

[CONCLUDED.]

We perceive in man two distinct capacities which, though they generally intersect in various ways, yet, as they ever preserve their characteristics, we discriminate by the names, *Talent* and *Genius*. Talent is the native power by which we are enabled easily and quickly to receive and digest, and then skillfully reproduce; but Talent is dependent upon treasures already acquired,—it creates nothing new. Not so Genius. This is independent; it creates: or it discovers truths and laws before unknown. To Genius Nature seems to reveal the deep and secret laws by which all her movements, physical or spiritual, are regulated. Talent may be acquired, but Genius is a pure gift of grace. Talent often yields to impediments and obstacles which Genius as a vital, natural force, usually breaks through. Talent spreads or improves the knowledge it acquires, so that it becomes a common benefit for all. Genius enriches humanity with new truths and perceptions, and originates the great events in every age.

Columbus was not specially prepared, by higher geographical knowledge, or better nautical experiences, for the discovery of the New World; these could not have helped him to the conclusion that another Continent existed. It was the light of Genius that showed him, as it were, the surface of the earth, and gave him that profound conviction, the truth of which he so well vindicated.

Copernicus was not, as it may be supposed, the greatest astronomer of his time; others may have made more correct calculations, may have far surpassed him otherwise; but he saw through the whole working of the natural forces that attract each other, though the whole movement of the world,—through the veil which dark tradition had thickened,—and kept fast whatever he had discovered as an easily understood truth, which he afterwards essayed to substantiate.

Newton is said to have inferred the law of gravitation by the fall of an apple. Many before him had observed this, but not with the eye of Genius. This beholds the great, comprehensive laws which give birth to phenomena, and penetrates through these to the invisible working from which everything proceeds.*

*[NOTE.—The two illustrations of the workings of Genius given above by the Doctor, are truly most infelicitous, though quite in accordance with the almost universal decision of moderns. Copernicus, like his successor, Newton, was purely a man of talent and *learning*,—a supporter of *received opinions*—unilluminned by a ray of discovering Genius; and if the Doctor had, on the contrary, cited these worthies as illustrations that Talent is sometimes found completely isolated, and straying without the divine guidance of Genius, he could not have selected any more striking. Copernicus revived with success the absured teachings of the Cremona philosopher, Pythagoras, in opposition to all the wisdom of prior antiquity, sacred and secular. He had not the *genius* to expose the errors of the Greek (by intuitive or *sensible* perception of natural laws and forces) but only the *talent* to support them. And the same remark holds true in a still greater degree of the dreamer Newton. No, Doctor; the names of these men will ere long,—as the Astronomer, Mr. Morrison, asserts,—"be hurled down to the unutterable contempt of an enlightened posterity." The Doctor's knowledge, as a Jew, might have saved him from the gross delusion that the *science* (?) of Gentiles has foisted upon the world.]

It is not the depth of research, or thorough knowledge of detail that constitutes the historian, in the best acceptation of the term; for he is often compelled to reject masses of perplexing and irrelevant detail. But it is that his eye is sharper to penetrate the character of the time,—to see the wheelwork of ideas that move it. And only thus is it that the connection between events and persons becomes fully clear. What is it that enables the poet to look into the depths of the soul, as though all the chambers of the heart and mind were fully open to him? What enables him to perceive and exhibit all the complications and entanglements in the different relations and circumstances, and still see running through all unity of character. Is it a richer store of observations that assists him? Is it because he has experienced all these things in his own life? Certainly not! It is because his eye more surely and sharply receives the picture of the whole life of the human soul from the individual phenomena, and understands how to describe it. Yea, it is Genius only that enables individuals deeply to penetrate into the movements of spirit, and puts them for centuries in advance: and as it thus quickens individuals, so it does nations.

The Greeks boast of being Autochthons, of having been born upon, and from their own soil. Whether this claim be just or not we will not now examine; but another, no doubt expressing the profound meaning of the above, must be admitted, to wit: the autochthonic character of their mind, the aboriginal nature of their national talent. The Greeks had no teachers or patterns in Art and Science, they were their own teachers and masters,—they speedily appeared with such perfect accomplishment, as makes them the teachers of mankind for all times.†

And as a higher and keener taste for the Beautiful, the Harmonious, and the Symmetrical, appears to have been innate in the Greek Nation, so the National Genius produced masters in every art and science. Therefore, even later centuries willingly listened to the words of this nation, and hastened where they could see in perfection the works of plastic art,—where they could enjoy a rejuvenating bath, as it were, in the spiritual fountain whose streams have for centuries fertilized the mind of western Europe.

Have not the Jewish people such a Genius,—a Religious Genius? And through it have they not penetrated the higher life of the spirit, and effected a closer relation between the spirit of man and the Supreme Spirit, so as to behold more clearly the innermost nature of Human Morality, which as the result of its native-born knowledge it has presented to the world. This we may call an illumination of individual spirits by the spirit that pervades everything, enabling them to break through their confining limits, and is—let us not hesitate to pronounce the word—*Revelation*.

The Greeks were not of course all great artists, but they alone were capable of producing such masters as Phidias or Praxitles. The same was the case with the Jews. They certainly were not all Prophets; the exclamation, "Would that all the people were prophets!" was a pious wish; the other, "I shall pour my Spirit upon all flesh," is a promise which has never been realized. Nevertheless, Israel is the people of Revelation, the favored organ of light to the world. A thornbush produces no grapes, an inferior people produces no prophets, such as those Judah gave to the world. True, the historical Books of the Bible inveigh against the depravity of the people in the time of the Kings; yet they must have possessed noble powers in great abundance, to produce and rear such men. Judaism was not merely a preacher in the wilderness, though it did not prevail altogether; still existing in many men in a small degree, it was able to produce—when concentrated in individuals—heroes of the spirit. Nor does Judaism claim to be work of single individuals, but that of the whole people. It does not speak of the God of Moses, or of the God of the Prophets, but of the God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob, of the God of the whole race, of the patriarchs who were equally gifted with that endowment, with that prophetic vision. It is the Revelation which, latent in the whole people, was concentrated in individuals. The fact that the greatest prophet left his work unfinished contains a profound truth: he must not be regarded as the Atlas who bears the whole world upon his shoulders, who completes a work without the co-operation of others, who gives the impulse thereto and at the same time finishes it. It is not known where he is buried, and our ancient teachers remark: "His grave should not serve for a place of pilgrimage whither men go to do honor to *one*, and thus raise him above the level of man." Moses did his share of the work according to his great capacity as one of the whole people.

Yes, Judaism has grown from the people of Revelation. And why should we not employ the term where we touch the fundamental source, the illumination which proceeds from the Higher Spirit, which cannot be explained, which is not a composition created by a process of development, but which at once presents itself as a whole, like every new creation proceeding from the Original Spirit. We will not narrow down the term to certain limits after the fashion of dogmatics; it may be understood in different ways, but as to its essence, it is ever the same. It indicates the point of contact between human reason and the Fundamental Source of all things. The ancient Teachers of Judaism never denied that this sublime phenomenon was, after all, connected with some human quality. "The spirit of God," they say, "rests only upon a wise man, upon a man possessed of moral power, who is independent because he is contented, having conquered all ambition, all desire. The man who bears his importance within him, who feels the Divine in him, is alone capable of receiving the Divine; he is not a mere speaking trumpet through which words uttered pass without his being conscious thereof; no, he is a man in the true meaning of the term, touching upon the Divine, and therefore susceptible of it. A man of the Middle Ages, like a profound thinker and true poet, Jehuda ha-Levi, emphatically maintains that Revelation animated the whole people. "Israel," he says, "is the heart of mankind, which in its unity ever preserved its higher susceptibility; and its several distinguished men were the hearts of that heart." Maimonides speaks of "a lightning-like illumination as that which Revelation must be regarded. To some, this illumination was granted only for a short time; to others, it was repeated; but with Moses, it was a lasting one,—an illumination which enlightens the darkness, affording man an insight into all that is hidden, that discloses to him what remains concealed from others." Judaism is such a Religion of Revelation, has grown from such visions of the Divine, and has given unity to all that did behold. Judaism is a Religion of truth, because its views into the nature of things is infallible, discovering as it does the Unchangeable and Everlasting; and herein lies its immortal vitality.

†[NOTE.—Again the Doctor errs greatly. Though what he asserts in the succeeding paragraph as to the eminently asthetic genius of the Greeks is correct, nothing is more untrue than that they were "their own teachers and masters," or that the character of their mind was "autochthonic." He surely ought to know that the early tribes who emigrated from Asia were little better than barbarians, and that they were indebted for all their subsequent culture in art, philosophy and religion (such as it was) to the Egyptians chiefly and the civilized nations of Asia Minor. The former called the Greeks "children," and generally refused to initiate them into their mysteries as being too crude, fickle and ignorant,—and this, after they had reached a high point of culture in the days of Solon. Their architecture and sculpture like their mythology, is nothing but a refinement (in the last case certainly we dare not say an amelioration) of Egyptian ideas,—beautified copies in fact of what they saw in the neighboring land of highest art and wisdom. What Greece was for Rome, Egypt, in a far more eminent degree, was for Greece, viz: her spiritual conquerer, and educator. Surely the Doctor knows better than to make statements like the above, unless these errors lie in the translation.—EDITOR.]

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BUTLER'S "GENERAL AVERAGE."

Mr. Butler's epic bouffe, in Harper's Monthly for June, exhibits more than the "General Average" of ability and humor in castigating the futile attempt of an erring member of our race to imitate Yankee tricks and swindling. As, however, the mental and social status of *your* "Moses," Mr. B. is a few degrees below zero, and his sensitive nerves, unlike the Yankee's, are protected by a due coating of "oleaginous" substance, we fear that your really fine poetic effort will not be appreciated, as it should, by him or his class. That the Yankee can always "whip," not only the Jew, but "all creation" in rascality, needed no illustration from your Homeric pen. In your next essay, we suggest that you deepen the interest of the finale, by putting a Yankee against a Yankee. Find at least a Hector for your Achilles of swindledom. In looking for such, do not in your simplicity, confine yourself to any particular section of Christendom; just "fill in at pleasure" the name of almost any leading New York A. B. & Co., Harper Brothers, perhaps (if you feel at all squeamish) will answer your purpose, and exhibit all the skill necessary in a well-balanced fight for the prize of sharp practice. You would add to the great obligation we, in in common with all pious *non-swearing* Christians, feel toward you for your brilliant exposé, if you would tell us next time where we might find that "ancestral creed" of ours, which seems every day lost, which does not enrich us at sombody's cost." You must not let your beautiful powers of imagination, Mr. Butler, lie too long dormant. The world's immorality need sadly your impartial and immaculate whip.

PICNIC.—The B'nai B'rith Library Association will hold a picnic at Belmont on Sunday, the 28th, The society gave way to another organization which had arranged one for the same day, hence the postponement from the 14th to the 28th. A number of prizes have been donated to be awarded for the best runner in a bag, striking the suspended bottles while blindfolded, races, etc. It is safe to promise an enjoyable day to the guests.

At the instance of several influential gentlemen connected with the Orphan Asylum, we print 800 EXTRA copies of to-day's paper, 400 of which will be gratuously and fairly distributed among subscribers, and 400 sent to 40 selected names throughout the Coast, for proper distribution, in addition to our regular mail of 700.

THE RABBI-MASTERS.

ABEN ESRA.

[COLLATED FOR "THE VOICE OF ISRAEL" BY J. H. C.

Aben Esra was born at Toledo, about the year 1120, and was descended from an illustrious family, several members of which rank high among the Jewish worthies of Spain.

He not only profited by the best instruction in the paternal house, and in the then celebrated school at Lucena, but, eager to acquire knowledge by all means, he did not disdain the instruction of Japheth Levi, a learned Karaite, of whom he himself made the remark, that as in former days the learned *tanai* R. Meir, had profited by the lessons of the notorious apostate, Elisha ben Abuha, retaining what was good and rejecting what was bad, so had he (Aben Esra) improved himself by the learning of the Karaite, without becoming infected by his heresies.

The progress which Aben Esra made under his various masters was so rapid and astonishing that not only did he surpass the greatest of his predecessors but, in every branch of knowledge known to his cotemporaries, held the very first rank. But immense as was the mass of knowledge and learning he had acquired, it was surpassed by his brilliant genius; and the solidity of his judgment must excite our admiration in a higher degree than the extent of his studies. If any one of the Jewish writers deserves to be designated as *Hachacham* (the Sage) and as *Rabenu*, (our teacher) to the subject of this memoir are these titles due. He was a perfect master of the Hebrew and Arabic languages, both of which he treated as a profound grammarian and philosopher. Intellectual and contemplative, he was a philosopher in the truest sense of the word; not fettered by scholastic trammels he, more than any of his cotemporaries, kept aloof from the blind homage paid to the name of Aristotle, and stood independent with the conscious dignity of superior merit. He advanced further than any of his predecessors into a true understanding of the Sacred Scriptures, of which he is the most luminous commentator, and the one whose explanations afford the greatest satisfaction, and carry conviction home to the understanding. As a mathematician and astronomer posterity is indebted to him for many valuable discoveries; and if he also wrote on astrology that was a tribute to the spirit of his age which even his powerful mind could not withhold.

Vast as was his learning, it is obscured by the splendor of his genius, the brilliancy of his wit, and the agreeable flow of his diction, alike entertaining and instructive. To those acquainted only with the serious portions of Hebrew literature and Rabbinical writing, it may appear impossible that wit or humor should enliven their pages. But Aben Esra affords us the proof that even the serious studies of Hebrew sages can admit the graces, and that the force of instruction is not thereby in the least diminished.

As he married the rich and beautiful daughter of R. Jehuda Hallevi, he became enabled to devote himself entirely to his studies, free from the care of seeking either office or emolument, the fetters of which might have galled his free spirit. It is related that he owed to his wit and talent his lovely wife and her large fortune. R. Jehuda Hallevi, then upwards of fifty years old, had fully determined on visiting Jerusalem, and the ruins of that sacred temple where his ancestors had ministered and worshiped. He had one only daughter, beautiful and accomplished, on the verge of womanhood, and the sole heiress to his great wealth. His wife, after in vain exerting the persuasive force of female eloquence to induce him to forego his purpose, urged him not to depart without bestowing the hand of his daughter on some man worthy of possessing her heart and fortune. Her solicitations were so pressing that the impatient Rabbi, to get rid of her importunities, vowed that he would give his daughter in marriage to the first Israelite who, on the coming day, should present himself.

On the next morning, Aben Esra, habited in his traveling dress, entered the school, and greeted R. Jehuda, who knew not his person, although his fame had already reached him. The hospitable Rabbi invited him to his house, of which he desired him to consider himself an inmate. The wife of Rabbi Jehuda started when she saw the young man, whose homely garb and humble exterior did not correspond with the expectations she had formed of a future son-in-law.

Rabbi Jehuda soon discovered that the young man had great abilities, and that in time, and with instruction he would make rapid progress in learning. He therefore invited him to enter his school and become one of his disciples. Aben Esra, who perceived that his presence caused some constraint and embarrassment to the female branch of the Rabbi's family, determined to conceal his name and talents until he should ascertain the cause of so strange but, to his penetrating eye, so plain a fact. The wife of R. Jehuda, inconsolable at the failure of her ambitious hopes, once more exerted all the influence of her eloquence to induce her husband to forego his determination of bestowing his daughter on the poor youth, whose mental and corporeal wants were alike to be supplied by her husband's charity. She wept, she entreated in vain; all that she could obtain from her husband was the promise that he would bestow his utmost care and attention on the young man's education, and not grant him the hand of his daughter until he had proved himself worthy of so precious a gift.

Aben Esra commenced to learn the rudiments of the sciences under R. Jehuda, who soon expressed his satisfaction at his rapid progress. But while his apparent increase of knowledge thus gained the approbation of the father, his manly virtues, goodness of heart and sprightly wit, did not fail to make a favorable impression on the heart of the daughter.

One evening R. Jehuda remained late beyond his usual time, in his study; and it was only after repeated messages he took his seat at the supper-table. Aben Esra, an inmate of the house, repeatedly inquired the cause of his absence, but received only evasive though good-tempered answers, until the wife of the Rabbi, rising from the table went to her husband's study and returned with a Hebrew poem, which he had been writing, and the concluding lines of which did not please him. "There," she exclaimed, "if thou art worthy of being the favorite disciple of R. Jehuda Hellevi, complete what thy master has commenced." Smiling, Aben Esra took up a pen, and after having perused the poem and introduced some occasional corrections, completed the last stanza in so masterly a manner that R. Jehuda had scarcely seen it ere he embraced him and joyously exclaimed,—"Assuredly thou must be the famous Aben Esra, and most welcome art thou to be my son-in-law." The wife, happy at becoming the mother-in-law of one whose fame had already vied with his greatest cotemporaries, gladly consented; and Aben Ezra shortly afterwards celebrated his nuptuals with the fair being whom he had gained by his talents and merited by his virtues and amibility.

Some years afterwards he undertook a scientific journey through Europe, in the course of which he visited England, France, Germany, Italy and Greece. At Rome, where he was received with the greatest respect, both by Jews and Christians, he made a prolonged stay, and profited greatly by the rich treasures of the Vatican library. He wrote several of his works there, particularly his famous grammatical work, written about the year 1167.

After having visited Greece, and sojourned some time at Rhodes, then the seat of a famous Jewish College, where he wrote his commentaries on the book of Daniel, he visited Tiberias, where he held long and frequent conferences with the Masoretic sages. The result of these conferences was his commentaries on the Pentateuch, a work in which his grammatical knowledge, his intimate acquaintance with the Hebrew language, the solidity of his judgment, his acute reasoning, sincere piety and great love of simplicity eminently shine forth. This exposition is the most luminous and satisfactory guide to Holy Writ of any that we possess.

After his return from Palestine Aben Esra spent several years of his life in Italy, where he composed most of his works. The last named one was written at Lucca. His work, "The Beauty of Diction," which to the Hebrew student affords the same aid and instruction that Quinctillian's work does to the Latin, was written at Mantua, about the year 1172.

Aben Esra enjoyed the satisfaction of seeing his merits acknowledged, and his fame firmly established, even during his life time. Wherever, in the course of his extensive travels, his arrival was expected, the members of the Jewish communities assembled, and, preceded by their chiefs, received him with all due honor. As long as his stay continued in any place the most learned men thronged to his dwelling to profit by his instruction. And not alone among these but among all classes was he a favorite by reason of his goodness of heart, his brilliant wit and lively conversation and affability; so that, long after his death, those who in their youth had a word or look from him, created such notice with a trophy of their after-days, and boasted of his acquaintance as the most important and felicious event of their lives.

But the highest and most precious testimony to his great talent, and the importance of his writings, is afforded Aben Esra by his great cotemporary Maimonides. The latter, in a letter to his son, R. Abraham, directs the attention of the youthful student to the writings of Esra, saying,—"And thou, my faithful and obedient son, I command thee that thou shalt not fatigue thy understanding with the voluminous works of commentators; the only commentaries I wish thee to read, are those of Aben Esra, which like all his writings are most valuable to those who study and understand them. They require indeed diligent reading, profound meditation, and assiduity, but they richly repay the labor bestowed on them, and will dispense profound and extensive knowledge to him who masters the precious stores in which they abound. I confess that I myself am deeply indebted to him for the light and clear view which he has given me of many obscure passages in the sacred scriptures. Therefore, my son, devote thyself to the investigation of his writings, for he was animated by the same spirit of truth as our father Abraham; and though his language is obscure, couched in parables and similes, as if he wished to throw his readers upon their own resources, are not discouraged by these difficulties which may at first impede thy progress, but persevere, and thy recompense will be an acquaintance with a true sage who neither fears nor flatters any man who *permits no falacy to shelter itself under the great fame of its author*, but who in all his works has only one object in view, namely, truth; and to divest this of the fanciful incumbrances of would-be commentators and to restore it to its native dignity and simplicity were the occupations of his long and active life."

Such was the opinion of Rabbi Moses bar Maimon;—an opinion the sincerity of which we have not the slightest right to call in question, when we consider that it was confidential, given by a father to his son, and on an occasion the most interesting to his paternal feelings, namely, while directing the choice of his beloved son in the selection of those authors and studies upon which his future fame was to be founded.

It becomes a natural question why, notwithstanding the generally acknowledged worth and importance of Esra's writings, are not his commentaries in universal use among the Israelites of the present day. The answer to this is twofold: 1. The manner in which Aben Esra wrote, the extreme conciseness and force of his style, which, rapid as lightning, illuminous with bright but trancient rays, the most difficult passages of Holy Writ, disqualify his commentaries from being a manuel for the every-day reader. The obscurity of his style is such, that, as Maimonides observes, "his works require dilligent reading and profound meditation,"—requisits which but few men are able to bring to the reading of any author. These obstacles, however formidable, would not have proved insurmountable to the characteristic thirst of the Jewish Nation for knowledge were it not for the second reason, which, though in itself less just and well-founded, has exercised a greater influence over the works of Aben Esra.

At the time the great Jews of Spain, united under the auspices of the illustrious Samuel Levi Hannagid, combined the study of sacred with profane literature, of the Talmud with mundane sciences, and the union of the antagonistic systems of R. Henoch, the son of R. Moses (the Babylonian) and of Joseph Abethur, in the school of Lucca, produced the illustrious names of which we have spoken.

Nearly about the same time, another school was formed in France, which spread its influence over Germany and Poland. This School, which was founded about the year 1070, by Rabenu Gershom, of Mayence, and his great pupil, R. Jacob ben Jacar reached its perfection under the celebrated R. Solomon ben Isaac Jarchi, called Rashi. Of the latter's biography little is known, except that he was born at Troyes, about the year 1040, and after having been a deciple of Jacar (and probably of Gershom also) he himself presided over the school at Troyes, where he died in the 64th year of his age. These few facts furnish the ground on which many curious, not to say fabulous, adventures have been embroidered. Thus it is related that his mother, *certainly*, would have been crushed to death by a loaded wagon, which she could not avoid in a narrow alley, but that the wall on the side where she stood gave way and formed a niche in which she was perfectly safe until the wagon had passed. It is also related that he passed seven years wandering about the world in order to expiate a triffling transgression committed by his father; that when Godfrey of Bouillon was appointed leader of the first crusade, he wished to consult Rashi, who by means of his cabbalistic powers rendered himself invisible, until he had obtained the assurance of safety for himself and his brethren, when he suddenly appeared in the presence of the awe-struck chief, and predicted the issue of the first crusade. It is even asserted that Jarchi travelled into Egypt, where he visited Maimonides; although it is a well-known fact that the former died a quarter of a century before the latter was born.

CANDID OPINION.

The following, relative to our paper, and matters in general, though it was unquestionably not written for publication, we publish as it gives many wholesome hints. It hits rather hard—almost as hard as the *Israelite* hit a new periodical published lately in New York, and which other papers falsely copied, perverting the article by omissions and additions:

CAMBRIDGE, April 30th, 1871.

PROPRIETORS VOICE OF ISRAEL:

Gentlemen—Allow me to tender you my thanks for copies of the very interesting paper you have so kindly and regularly favored me with.

I am exceedingly delighted to find that at length the Israelites of San Francisco have a representative organ. The Jewish periodicals heretofore published there, have been simply a continuous libel on our race. Not a number but was an insult to the intelligence and position of the Jewish community. That they have existed so long, and still exist, is no credit to the Jews of California. After having been misrepresented so long, it is quite refreshing and encouraging to see your very readable, carefully edited, paper. If you keep on improving as you have, your success is assured. I must confess that the first numbers of the *Voice* (the numbers before you assumed the management) did not please me. They were neither expressive of Jewish sentiments nor Jewish doctrines.

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And besides all this, the paper at that time was pervaded by a shallow, pedantic, atheistic and egotistical tone, which was as painful as it was intolerable. But with the change of management, I am glad to say, there has also been a radical and happy change for the better. I admire the healthy, solid quality of your reading matter, and the promising appearance of your paper very much. We cannot, of course, expect your first numbers to be equal to the Eastern papers. But there is a great future before you, and, with the proper encouragement,—which I have no doubt will be extended to you by our co-religionists, you will doubtless be enabled so to raise the standard of your paper as will place it worthily beside the older publications. And speaking of improvements, may I take the liberty to suggest a few which seem to me exceedingly necessary? You undoubtedly are overwhelmed with suggestions and advice from all sides. If I volunteer my ideas, believe me, gentlemen, it is only from a sincere wish to see a first class Jewish paper successfully conducted in San Francisco, and from a firm conviction that the *Voice*, under your energetic management, is capable of attaining fair rank.

Now, there is one general fault characteristic of all Jewish papers, without exception: It is lack of manliness and independence. They are marked by a drivelling, disgusting sort of servility, which deprives them of that character and authority which independence alone can give. This can easily, and should be instantly remedied. I refer more especially to the servile manner in which they fawn to co-religionists who have attained some wealth or office; the latter more particularly. Let a Jew be elected Alderman, and you will be disgusted with the many "Honorables" with which his name is mentioned. In fact, his name never appears in print but with a string of titles; and these are echoed and re-echoed over the country, till we are almost led to believe that we are not rightfully entitled to office as citizens, but that a great favor has been bestowed on our whole sect by electing this one councilman, and that one school director. Take, for instance, our Consul to Roumania, whose name has figured so often in the papers with that high-sounding, empty title, and the inevitable "Honorable" attached. Let me say that I acknowledge the undoubted talents and superior intellect of Mr. Peixotto, who, as an Israelite, reflects honor on our race. But let us be candid and look at the matter of this Consulate in a practical manner. Let us for a moment throw off the sentimentality not in consonance with our practical eye. I, for my part, cannot, for the life of me, see that any great honor has been bestowed on Mr Peixotto, or our people, by the Administration. It was an office that no American politician would take. What politician, indeed, will take an unsalaried office in *such* a country! Are the perquisites worth mentioning? The liberality of our *co-religionists*, and not of President Grant, enabled Mr. Peixotto to depart on his laudable, yet doubtful, mission. And yet what a racket has been made about the honor and what silly and uncalled for praise has been bestowon the Administration! If Mr. Peixotto had been sent as Ambassador to Paris, Berlin or St. James there could not have been more appreciation expressed. Why, according to your interesting New York correspondent, a number of blockheads were very angry because a mass meeting of Israelites was not called to express a recognition of Grant's kindness. It is time we had done with such nonsense and servility. It would be considered extremely bad taste for a Protestant or Catholic paper to give a list of the men of their respective creeds elected to minor offices in towns thousands of miles from their place of publication. You only find it in Jewish papers. Let a man receive the cross of the Legion of Honor, or some other decoration, and the title "Knight" will inevitably accompany his name. We never see such a startling array of titles as when we see a list of Jewish notables in a Jewish paper. "His Honor, the Recorder of Mudtown, ———, Esq.," "His Honor, the Justice of the Peace of Poughkeepsie, ———, Esq., an ornament of the Bench, an upright Judge," etc.; etc., *ad infinitim et ad nauseam*. What must the Gentiles think of us, when they see us making so much of our little great men! It is because we are not used to honors that we make so much of even the smallest, most insignificant; because our emancipation is of so recent a date that we behave like children when a new toy is thrown them. It is about time we acted like men. If office is bestowed, it is to be presumed that it is not given to the Jew, but the honorable and capable citizen, and I am sure the Jews do not receive their percentage of offices.

In one of your late numbers I noticed a German article. I do not consider this a wise step. Either publish an English or a German paper, but for goodness sake, do not follow in the track of your mongrel predecessors, and I am sorry to say, contemporaries. You seem to devote too much space to B'nai B'rith matters and the Juvenile department; but, I suppose, you know best. In other respects, your paper is really excellent. I particularly admire the "Literary Notices," though sometimes a trifle hypercritical and too "Hawthorny." Perh..ps I am somewhat prejudiced against Hawthorne, because he hated our race with an inveterate hatred and malignity. The writer Hawthorne and the man Hawthorne were two such different beings that we must turn entirely away from the contemplation of the man to enjoy his writings. This is often utterly impossible. You will undoubtedly excuse the criticism I passed on your paper. "I am a plain blunt man." "I only speak right on." I exceedingly regret not to have had the pleasure of your acquaintance, gentlemen, while I was in San Francisco, but intend to take the liberty of introducing myself on my return in July. I intended to write a few lines, and there I have scribbled off four pages. What an infliction on you. You have my sympathy. Let me close by expressing the hope that your enterprise will meet with adequate reward.

I am, gentlemen, very truly yours,

OLD CALIFORNIAN.

CO-OPERATIVE LAND AND BUILDING ASSOCIATION.

This Association is founded upon a system which has been thoroughly tested in Europe, and in some of the older cities of the Atlantic States. Every organization that tends to encourage thriftiness and frugality, whether it be a six-penny savings society, or a homestead organization, is a blesssing to those who are dependent upon daily wages. The prospectus of this new organization, is short and truthful; the main essentials in such co-operations are, economy in the workings, and integrity in the management, for as far as regards the advantages, it is a simple matter of computation. The office is 306 Montgomery St., where full information can be obtained. We shall take occasion to offer some remarks hereafter, upon this and similar associations.

KESHER SHEL BARZEL, EXCURSION.—The ancient Jewish Order, Kesher Shel Barzel, held a picnic at Belmont, on the 7th. Sixteen cars were filled with excursionists. Rev. Dr. Henry delivered the oration, and S. H. Lichtenstein and H. Lowenberg offered remarks. Misses Anna Baum, Isabella Abramson and Jennie Van Stratten, were presented by Dr. Henry, on behalf of the Order, with a testimonial in acknowledgement of the two silk flags they presented a year ago. A portion of the day was devoted to competitive games, athetic and otherwise, and the skilful received prizes, viz: Misses Tillie Myers and Belasko, silver medals, for fast running; Miss Ida Abramson, a pair of sleeve buttons, for hitting the button blindfolded; David Rich, a gold ring, for fast running. Mrs. Lazarus won the set of jewelry which was *given* away—by the lottery. The day passed off pleasantly to all participants.

DEPARTURE.—B. Rothschild Esq., Secretary of the Occidental Insurance Co., almost since its organization, leaves to-day for New York, on a short official visit connected with the Company here. Mr. Rothschild has made the Occidental to rank as one of the safest of the local Fire and Marine Insurance Companies. We, with many of his friends, wish him a pleasant journey and safe return.

BOURBON AND RYE WHISKIES.—Lilienthal & Co., have established their depot, at No. 223 California Street, and are the sole agents of the Daniel Boone Bourbon, etc., and Lynchburg Rye.

Juvenile Department.

A PRIZE.

We offer a prize of a valuable set of books for a short local story *suitable* for our paper. Competitors must be between the ages of Twelve and Sixteen, will sign a "nom de plume," and send their manuscript in (written on one side of the paper only) by the 31st of May, 1871. Each package to enclose a sealed envelope, containing the real name, age, and address, of the author; said envelope not to be opened until after the prize shall have been awarded. This will *ensure* impartiality. Several competent gentlemen have consented to act as a committee. In due time, their names will be announced.

Proprietors "VOICE OF ISRAEL."

Having received two stories, unaccompanied by an envelope as above requested, we take occasion to say, that no story will be placed before the Committee for their consideration and decision, unless so accompanied.

PROPRIETORS.

RESPONSES TO NUMBER XVIII.

TO MNEMONICS, BY JOSEPHINE.

"Arrange the names of the twelve signs of the Zodiac in such a manner as to be readily memorized in due order," we have received a number of responses, which, in one respect or another are incorrect. "J. E. L.," "Philadelphia," and "Elvira," fail in preserving the *due* order; the latter's arrangement for retaining in memory, is ingenious, but it is in irregular order. The following is the more complete:

SAN JOSE, May 13th, 1871.

TO THE VOICE OF ISRAEL.

The signs of the Zodiac—Aries, Taurus, Gemini, Cancer, Leo, Virgo, Libra, Scorpio, Sagittarius, Capricornus, Aquarius, and Pisces,—I propose to arrange for memorizing thus: A.T.G.C.L.V.L.S.S.C.A.P., then connect it, by sound, thus: At—gee—cle—ell—double S—cap, (using u instead v to make it sound—clu, thereby more easily retained.)

Yours, PHILLIUS.

TO OUR JUVENILE CONTRIBUTORS.

The following Enigma we give place, in preference to some others received, as it is more appropriate for *this* issue:

NUMBER XVIX.

ENIGMA BY "BLUE EYES."

I am of three words. My first and second of two syllables; my third of three. My 1st, 2d and 3d letters are what I am proud of, and yet at school or rather out of it, no schoolmate would utter it to my face unpunished.

My 6th, 4th and 5th is never mine, and yet it is every one else's.

My 9th, 11th and 12th, invaluable to every miner in the days of '49.

My 10th, 7th, 11th and 2d, is the dearest and most sacred spot on earth, and it should be added to—in order to make my whole comptete.

My 3d, 4th, 5th and 6th is what is constantly the expression upon our lips from childhood to old age.

My 3d, 4th, 5th and 2d, is what few are, and yet every one wishes to be.

My 6th, 2d, 12th and 15th, is a very ordinary name, and so is my 18th, 13th, 8th and 15th.

My 11th, 15th, 7th, 12th and 2d, is what no one likes to be, and yet many *thus stand*.

My whole is in embryo, yet it is created—'tis a fixed fact, and it will live to be the pride of us all.

ROUMANIA.

We have cheering intelligence from this unhappy country. The riot which was threatened a few weeks ago, was quelled by the *prompt arrest* of over one thousand bigoted Roumanians. Now we read of a plot that has just been discovered, to murder prominent Jewish merchants, in which many army officers were implicated. The plot is frustrated, the press loudly condemn it, and the officers have been dismissed the service. These facts show that, while the lower orders, especially the Greek Christians, cannot forget their antipathy towards the Jewish traders, the better classes sympathize with the latter, and the government is strong enough to prevent outbreaks, and punish the perpetrators.—*Jewish Messenger*.

PRESENCE OF MIND.

One of our prominent citizens nearly caused the death of his little daughter of two years old. He had been using strychnine on the garden beds and dropped some on the dining room carpet in passing through. The child gathered it up, and doubtless imagining it to be white sugar, eat some. The mother noticing, a short time thereafter, the child sneezing and gagging, searched for the cause, and upon noticing a few grains upon the carpet, realized that it was poison. With commendable presence of mind (the father having gone down town) she administered warm water and salt in repeated doses until the child had thrown up considerably, and applied other remedies, and then sent for a physician, who congratulated her that she had saved the life of her child, by instaneously doing what she did. The shock was very great, and both parents have scarcely recovered therefrom.

B'nai B'rith Department.

בריתי היתה אתו חיים והשלום.

ORPHAN ASYLUM AND HOME.

The members of the Order will doubtless read with considerable interest, the correspondence between the Trustees of the Orphan Asylum and Home, I. O. B. B., and the Secretary of a preliminary organization formed to carry out the same laudable object as that initiated by the Order.

In due time the Trustees will present to the M. W. District Grand Lodge, an official report, and will expect to be sustained in their course. As journalists we have felt it our duty to favor the great object, regardless of any temporary (fleeting) honor that might attach itself to the I. O. B. B., by maintaining a position, to a great extent, isolated. We use the term *isolated* position, because it was demonstrated unmistakeably that, although hundreds would contribute to the Asylum, or to any organization of that character, yet fear (idle 'tis true) pervaded the minds of many co-religionists that the Order, from its large and increasing membership, would unduly control the organization and management. Hence there would have been a lack of that united co-operation so necessary in a great work of this kind. We have, therefore, under this view, and others unnecessary to mention, set our individual and collective sentiments and love for the Order aside, so far as this great undertaking is concerned, and above all rather than see "the child divided," urged that as a true parent we should say,—take the child, do not destroy, but help to succor it. We now say to the members of the Order, help the undertaking with your very best and most noble individual efforts, and even with your *collective* strength, for—REMEMBER, YOU GAVE IT LIFE,—you created it, and others now simply have followed it up, and *ask* of *you* what *you asked of them*—co-operation. Will you withhold it? No! There is not a member of the Order on the Pacific Coast who will refuse his mite when duly appealed to. Our Order is charged with teachings which will prompt every member to *aid* this great work. You responded nobly when first appealed to, and as your *connection as an Order* with it from Nov'r, 1869, until the final incorporation of the Orphan Asylum and Home, November, 1870, will soon pass into history, we offer the following, which we collate from the records of the Grand Sopher of the Grand Lodge, and the official report of Grand Nasi Abh, L. Kaplan.

At the special session of the Grand Lodge, held May 15, 1870, the G. N. A. submitted the following Message:

WORTHY BRETHREN:—Six months have passed since the object which has convoked this special session to-day first seriously engaged the attention of the Brotherhood. To the casual observer, and the impatient enthusiast, our labors may have appeared somewhat tardy. All good works take time to mature. The magnitude of our undertaking—the desire we had to secure for it the sympathy and co-operation of sister charitable organizations—the necessity of legalizing the original spontaneous action of our Brotherhood—all these have required consideration and time.

On the 14th of November, 1869, a mass meeting of the Brotherhood of this city was held in this hall, and the subject of devising some permanent public charity for the benefit of Israelities,—some object that would secure for our revered Order that high place its public deeds have secured for it in other sections of the country,—was ably considered and discussed. The result of that assemblage was the appointment of a committee, of whom Bro. Benj. F. Peixotto was chairman, which, at a subsequent meeting, held two weeks later, reported in favor of founding an Orphan Asylum and Home for the aged and infirm, open to all Israelites. This report was adopted, and a committee of twenty-one members chosen to perfect the preliminaries for carrying out the noble object proposed. This committee held numerous meetings, and by the advice of veteran members, resolved finally, before confining this work directly to the Order of B'nai B'rith, to make an appeal to the various Jewish charitable societies of the city, soliciting their co-operation.

A printed appeal was issued, and in response a general meeting was held in January of representatives from nearly all the benevolent societies of this city, and an earnest endeavor made to form a union and consolidation of resources for carrying out the proposed objects.

After several meetings it was found impracticable, from the conflicting laws of the different societies, to accomplish this object, but the representatives pledged their individual and collective support and aid thereto, if the B'nai B'rith would undertake to start it.

The work then devolved upon the B'nai B'rith, and the committee addressed themselves to this honorable body, who, at their annual meeting, took the matter

officially in hand, and have since made it a leading object.

The question of appropriating the General Fund was submitted to all the Lodges, and it is my pleasing duty to inform you that they have with great unanimity decreed its devotion to the noble object proposed. I have likewise the pleasure of reporting to you, that I have since officially visited all the Lodges of the District but one—Oregon; and with the aid of the officers of the Grand Lodge in this city, and influential Brothers in the country Lodges, been successful in securing a separate contribution from the Lodges; and permit me to remark that I have never found such a unanimity for any object among the Brotherhood, as well as among co-religionists—all seemed to hail with delight the project inaugurated, and promised their individual and collective aid; the Jewish ladies, in particular everywhere asked to be assigned positions where they may effect some good; and I am confident that, with proper management, we can raise all the funds needed to carry out our project.

The Lodges have resolved to contribute $11,000. These sums are to be given from time to time, as required.

The B'nai B'rith of this District have thus substantially proven by a donation, thus far of $21,000, that they are in earnest in this philanthropic undertaking, and mean to leave no stone unturned until it is consummated.

I have the further gatifying intelligence to communicate, that several gentlemen have signified their willingness to make a donation of a block of land in this city, of the value of $10,000, upon which the institutions may be erected. Thus the work of establishing a Jewish Orphan Asylum and Home is only a question of time.

The project which now presents itself in such tangible form, with every prospect of early realization, is not entirely new to our thoughts nor original to our conception. For years many Israelites of this coast have cherished the idea of such an institution, but neither the time nor the occasion appeared propitious; and it has been reserved for our beloved Order to undertake this mission of charity and humanity; to found an asylum for the helpless orphan, to establish a home for the sick and infirm Israelites. The necessity was never more apparent, and it is perhaps owing to this fact that the conception has not sooner been put into execution.

It is a noble and elevating undertaking; it commends itself to us by every consideration which can command the intelligence and enlist the sympathies of our hearts, and it must needs have the active co-operation of our sister charities, some of whom have already given us earnest encouragement by appropriations for the purpose; while our co-religionists generally may be relied on to respond to our call when the fitting time arrives to solicit their material aid.

By the enactment of a wise code of laws, such as have been found to work judiciously and successfully in other fields, we may hope to secure an early triumph for our labors, and it is to such legislation you have been summoned, and from the results of which the future honor and benefit of our cherished Order and the sacred name of Israel, as well as the permanency of the noble institution, may expect to derive additional lustre and unfailing sympathy and support.

The following Resolution was adopted May 31:

Resoved, That the Grand Nasi Abh appoint a committee, to be known as the "Orphan Asylum General Committee," to consist of twenty-one members, one of whom to be the Worthy Grand Nasi Abh, whose duty it shall be to carry out all measures and appoint all auxiliary committees, to successfully carry out and establish the Jewish Orphan Asylum and Home of the I. O. B. B.

This committee duly organized and held during 1870, a number of meetings with gentlemen invited to co-operate.

Fiually, the committee, as individuals, incorporated the Asylum under the laws of the State.

The Grand Lodge, at its session January, 1871, donated the General Fund to the Trustees of this incorporation. Recently communications have passed between it and a preliminary organization for the same object, the details of which will be found under "The Orphan Asylum."

FROM STOCKTON—LECTURE.

Last Sunday, the 7th inst, Mr. I. N. Choynski of San Francisco, delivered an address to the Jews of Stockton, which was numerously attended and listened to, throughout, with great attention. The subject matter of the discourse was as varied as it was interesting, and the lecture which lasted full two hours, was voted by common consent, a great success, in every essential respect.

The members of the Order B'nai B'rith who were instrumental in bringing Mr. Choynski to this city, are confident that a few more of such revivals will tend to strengthen the bonds of the brotherhood, and infuse new life into the workings of the Order.

STOCKTON, May 10th 1871. ***

MERCANTILE AGENCY.—Hope, McKillop and Co., are establishing additional agencies throughout the Pacific Coast and Territories, in consequence of the increasing confidence reposed in their mercantile reports, and to comply with the requirements of Oregon, Southern California, Nevada, etc. The annual subscription or membership, is a mere bagatelle in comparison with the correct information, and facilities furnished and extended.

THE FRIENDS;

OR, STUDENT LIFE IN GERMANY.

A TALE.

TRANSLATED FROM THE GERMAN OF WILHELM FREY.

[CONCLUSION.]

Berthold was sitting in his little room, in the most obscure portion of the town. He had passed through a fearful week. All at once the veil had lifted itself from his eyes, and, bitterly repenting, he looked back upon the year gone by, and saw all the precious time that he had wasted. How many had been the disputes at home before he could carry into execution his desire to go out into the world. He thought of Emil with deep contrition formerly he had neglected him, now he felt a certain timidity and respect towards him, a feeling which honest and firm perservance always exercises involuntarily over us. But when he recalled to his mind the words of Rosner, (and these words were deeply stamped on the youth's heart never more to be effaced,) when he remembered the firm, earnest, and honest manner of the merchant, then, oh! then, was he crushed. He wept and sobbed, and dared not raise his eyes, although he knew himself to be alone; still he feared to betray his inward feelings. And on the very day that Hart came to the city and endeavored to find him, he was more desponding than ever. Several times he resolved to go to Emil, make a reconciliation with him, and confide to him all his sorrow. His burdened heart sought to relieve itself thus; but pride, which always rebels and seeks to exercise its right knew how to suppress all such thoughts. Still pride had to succumb. It urged the youth with an almost invincible power, but dreamily he repaired to the old dwelling. It was late in the evening. "Heavens, how you look!" cried Hindel, when she saw Berthold; "what has been the matter with you?" Berthold did not answer her; he inquired for Emil.

"He is tutor at Basch's," replied Hindel, with a certain pride in her manner and answer.

"*Tutor!*" said Berthold to himself, while he once more mounted the steep staircase.

Emil was in his little room when Berthold entered, and could scarcely control his joy at seeing him so unexpectedly appear. He would have immediately informed Berthold of his brother's presence in the city, and would have handed him the letter, but his friend did not allow him an opportunity to say a word. Whilst he was warmly grasping his hand he said: "Emil we will go home."

Emil looked at his friend astonished. "Does he know it already?" he thought to himself.

"Yes, yes," continued Berthold, smiling, "we will journey homewards together, and that early to-morrow morning."

"I must go through my last examination to-morrow," answered Emil.

Berthold passed his hand over his forehead and said: "Examination! Oh, yes, examination—well I will travel alone."

Emil now believed firmly that his friend was aware of what had happened at home. He handed the letter to Berthold and told him about Hart, but his kind feelings prevented him from telling the reason that had brought his brother to the city.

When Berthold had read the letter he burst into tears, and seizing his friend's hand, he said: "O Emil, you must, you must go with me; I cannot go alone; I beg you to accompany me, and never will I forget it."

What remained to be done?

The next day Emil hastened to his teachers to beg that they would defer for this morning his last examination, because he would be compelled to return home immediately. This last examination was dispensed with.

"I believe you are sure of this affair," said the professor, "you may go, and when you return you will receive your certificate."

Emil then begged the superintendent (without letting his friend know it) that Berthold might pass an examination after the vacation. This request was not so readily granted, but Emil did not leave till it was granted, and then with a joyful heart he hastened to his friend to inform him of the happy termination of his errand.

Emil thought to satisfy Mr. Basch by promising to remain only two weeks at home, and then return.

"Remain as long as you wish," replied the good antiquary; "your mother will find the period short enough at all events. When she has seen enough of you, you can return to me."

So everything was finished, and Berthold and Emil journeyed homewards. How utterly different, however, were the feelings of the two youths!

Emil pictured to himself his mother's joy; he could scarcely wait for the moment when he should see her, the locomotive went too slowly, the road appeared too long. Berthold, however, dreaded the hour when he should again meet his relations.

Divided between the anxiety about his sick father and the pain which his conscience occasioned him, he would first wish that the journey might be of long duration, and then again he would long to be able that moment to press his suffering father's hand.

And when the young men neared their native town they both sat silent in the car.

If home-sickness is an indescribably sad feeling, the sensation upon returning to a beloved home, is on the contrary, unutterable and delightful. Each stone has a peculiar interest for us; some cherished remembrance binds us to every spot. We are surprised that so many things remain the same, whilst we have changed so much, and we either rejoice at this change, or else we shrink before it.

In the window of Hirschberg's house there glimmered a dim light. Berthold hastened in; his father was still alive and our friend was happy. The vital spirit seemed to wake once more in Mr. Hirschberg as soon as he saw his son, and on the very first evening Berthold remained a long while sitting by his father, and relating to him faithfully everything that had happened, and it grieved his father deeply. Hart appeared to have almost forgotten the matter; it is true, however, he read to his brother an earnest lecture, rough in form, but well meant and heartfelt.

And Mrs. Nathan! Who could be happier than she? who could be more joyful and contented than Emil?

During the vacation Berthold only endeavored to make up for lost time, because he wished to pass the examination at the commencement of the school year. It is nevertheless true, that old Mr. Hirschberg wished to hear nothing more about studies, but at last he allowed himself to be moved, and strange to say, it was Hart who pursuaded his father to yield.

"Now they will never more separate; I will assure you for both," said he, "and if Berthold is only with Emil, then he will surely remain true."

Indeed the friends never separated again. Emil retained his situation at Mr. Basch's, and Berthold again boarded with Hindel, and every evening the two young men met to mutually relate the labors and experiences of the day.

And the prophecy that Feldheim would be proud of these two students was fulfilled to this extent, that Hirschberg and Nathan became able men, and consequently were invested with important offices in the capital, and were highly respected by Christians as well as by their co-religionists.

ANSWERS TO CORRESPONDENTS.

AUNTY—We *do* decline inserting it for reasons before given.

W. H. X.—We *cannot* pave the way. It is not our province as journalists to encourage the formation thereof. Were it formed, we would speak of it as it deserved. Besides, to be candid, do not think there is any necessity at present.

J. M. E.—The contribution was inadvertently destroyed. Please favor us again. We will have more care taken.

L. S.—A. B.—Would "reprint the literary notice given an Eastern paper by a Western one" if there were any salient point. The object you state is not sufficent. Never sharpen a sword at both edges—it might cut two ways. There were just three words there that made the biter bitten. Mad dogs bite, and when they get very mad, they bite themselves. "Five points" you give show at least all are not fools. You say you saw through it at once—so did every one else, including very many who never *would have seen it* had not their attention been called to it. What next? Pshaw! Bosh!

SKATER—We differ with you entirely.

PHIDDLE STYX.—They will be announced in due time.

POOR GUESSER.—We have laid it aside. It is not rejected.

EUREKA.—Were not aware resolutions had *yet* been passed. Are you sure of it?

MACHPELAH.—We cannot perceive the object of your querry. A cut of the Cave of Machpelah, and some very interesting remarks thereupon, were in the *Weekly Gleaner*, a paper edited and published by Rev. Dr. Julius Eckman, Jan. 23, '57. We were connected with the paper in those days, and have a file, to which with pleasure you can refer. The cut was made by Albert Kuner, Washington street, and cost $100. The other querry we decline answering—it would be a breach of journalistic courtesy—in one word, that is not our business, but there is much that is worth republishing repeatedly.

C. S.—Your note is similar to several, and we are gratified that "such an article as 'The Jewish Press—Its Duty,'" and others in late issues, give so much satisfaction. To your latter remark, we assure you we shall live up to it. 'Its poor policy (you are right) to cry oneself up by crying another down—let each paddle their own canoe. We run our car on our own tracks.

VISITOR.—Ask kindly for information of either of our Rabbis.

ROUMANIA.—You must inquire at the postoffice, but think you are mistaken, for letters were received here on the 10th of May, dated Roumania, April 3d, and they were undoubtedly detained on the road. It does not take thirty days.

NEPTUNE.—Please call at the office of the Business Manager, relative to prize story.

WHAT THEY CONTINUE TO SAY OF OUR PAPER.

From the *Pacific Journal*.

A valuable periodical, edited by Collins, Ford, & Co. independent and refined in every essential respect.

We don't know the editor of the "Voice of Israel," and therefore, when we say it is one of the best edited papers in the city, we cannot be accused of *partiality*. We must congratulate our Jewish friends in having such a bright, earnest organ, and would advise the athletic and the petite, to look well to their laurels. In this connection we must pay a merited tribute to the Israelites of San Francisco. A great proportion of our mercantile and retail dealers belong to this denomination, and the progress, wealth and refinement of our city, attest their enterprise and liberality. The moment it was understood that our journal was not to be the organ of any particular sect the descendants of "those who fought under the banners of the princely Maccabees," extended the right hand of encouragement to us, and are now among our warmest supporters.

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Births.

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GILBERT, ISAAC—In Modesta, May 4, a Son.
GOLDSMITH, BERNHARD—In Portland, Oregon, May 8, a Daughter.
GOSLINSKY, EMANUEL—In this city, May 9, a Son.
WIENER, A.—In this city, May 16, a Son.
ALEXANDER, T. A.—In this city, May 16, a Daugher.

Marriages.

OLCOWICH, BERNHARD, to CARRIE VAENBERG—In this city, May 9, by Rev. Dr. A. J. Messing.
JUDALL, HERMAN L., to HARRIET HAHN, (both of Germany)—In this city, May 9, by Rev. H. Schuartz.
JACOBS, ADOLPH (of Carson City, Nevada,) to JENNIE COHEN (of San Francisco)—In this city, May 9, by Rev. Dr. A. J. Messing.

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

PACIFIC LODGE No. 48, I. O. B. B.
LECTURE.
BRO. PAST PRESIDENT I. N. CHOYNSKI, will deliver a lecture before the members of this Lodge,
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Subject—"Our Duties as B'nai B'rith."
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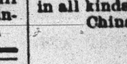

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Capital	$500,000 00
Surplus	267,115 65
Total Assets	$767,115 65

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INVESTED FUNDS	$18,400,000
YEARLY REVENUE	1,800,000
INVESTED IN THE UNITED STATES, over	2,000,000

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dec30-6m

SYNOPSIS OF
THE ANNUAL STATEMENT
OF THE
PACIFIC INSURANCE CO.,
SAN FRANCISCO, CALIFORNIA,

Made to the Insurance Commissioner for the Calendar Year ending December 31, 1870.

CAPITAL STOCK	$1,000,000 00
Amount in hand in excess of Capital, available to pay Losses and Dividends,	777,266 63

ASSETS.

Loans on First Mortgages		$553,914 70
Estimated Value Lands Mortgaged	$1,129,800	
Estimated Value of Buildings on same	555,600	
Value of Mortgaged Premises	$1,685,4 0	
Buildings on Premises Insured for	308.650	
Loans on Collateral		543.311 46
The aggregate present market value of collaterals is	$879,770	
Cash on hand and in Bank, in New York, Liverpool and China		179,050 67
Balances in hands of Agents in course of transmission—Fire and Marine Premiums uncollected and interest accrued		94,315 08
State and Federal Stamps and other Assets		30,474 72
Bonds and Stocks owned by the Company		229,200 00
Real Estate owned by the Company		147,000 00
Total Assets (Gold)		$1,777,266 63

LIABILITIES.

Losses in process of adjustment	$50,121 00

INCOME.

Premiums received for Fire Risks, less Re-insurances and Cancellations	$758,554 49
Premiums received for Marine Risks, less Re-insurances and Cancellations	374,413 86
Interest received from all sources	164,308 44
Amount received from Rents	8.455 66
	$1,305,732 15

DISBURSEMENTS.

Amount paid for Fire Losses	$408,970 20
Amount paid for Marine Losses	298,606 48
Salaries of Officers, Attorneys and Employees	64,407 66
Paid for Commissions to Agents	129,009 36
State and Federal Taxes	37,947 04
Advertising, Stationery, Office, Agency Expenses, and all other payments	131,874 28
Dividends paid Stockholders	160,000 00
	$1,230,815 02

Net amount Fire Risks written during the year	$71,083,860
Net amount Marine Risks written during the year	41,537,056
Amount Fire Risks in force Dec. 31, 1870	$62,376,066
Amount Marine Risks in force Dec. 31, 1870	2,819,842

Note.—All the foregoing is estimated on Gold basis.

J. HUNT, President.
A. J. Ralston, Secretary. feb10-3m

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☞ IN ACCORDANCE WITH INSTRUCTIONS this day received from the MINISTRY OF FOREIGN RELATIONS, ASIATIC DEPARTMENT, dated St. Petersburg, February 25, 1871, Sub. N. 558, the undersigned has the honor to inform the public in general, and all owners and masters of vessels navigating the waters along the coast of Russian Asia and the Russian Islands adjacent, that the IMPERIAL RUSSIAN GOVERNMENT concluded on the 18th February, 1871, with the COMMERCIAL HOUSE OF HUTCHINSON, KOHL & CO., of San Francisco, through their representative at St. Petersburg, (a citizen of the United States of America,) a contra t granting to said Commercial House of HUTCHINSON, KOHL & CO., the exclusive right and privilege for the term of Twenty Years, from February 18th, of catching Fur Seals on the Commander Islands, (Behring and Copper) and on Robben (Tulenc) Island, belonging to Russia, and to ship the skins of fur seals therefrom.

This publication is made in compliance with the instructions received from the Ministry of Foreign Relations, Asiatic Department, in the newspapers of San Francisco, for the information and guidance of all concerned.

Done at San Francisco, California, this seventh day of April, 1871.

M. KLINKOFSTROM,
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FOR BENICIA AND SUISUN.

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On Saturday there will be no 6 P M boat from Meiggs' Wharf. On Monday first boat at 7 A M.

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	7.30 A M	San Jose.....	5.40 P M	
7.58 P M	12.10 P M	Stockton.....	1.46 P M	8.35 P M
9.35 P M	2.10 P M	Sacramento.....	11.15 P M	7.00 A M
	4.10 P M	Marysville.....	9.10 P M	
	9.00 P M	Sesma.....	4.20 A M	
EASTWARD.	2.20 P M	Sacramento.....	11.45 A M	WESTWARD.
	5.25 P M	Colfax.....	8.45 A M	
	1.15 A M	Reno.....	1.00 A M	
	9.10 A M	Winnemucca....	4.05 A M	
	12.00 M	Battle Mountain	1.25 P M	
	4.40 P M	Elko.....	8.45 A M	
	6.10 P M	Ogden.....	5.15 P M	

Oakland Branch—Leave San Francisco, B 6.50, 8.00, 9.10, D 10.20, and D 11.10 A M, 12.00, 1.50, D 3.00, 4.00, 5.15, 6.45 and 11.30 P M.

Leave Brooklyn, B 5.15, B 6.30, 7.40, 8.50 and 10 A M; 1.30, 2.40, 4.55 and 6.25 P M.

Leave Oakland, B 5.25, B 6.40, 7.50, 9.00, 10.10, 11.00 and 11.50 A M; 1.40, 2.50, 3.50, 5.05 and 6.35 P M.

ALAMEDA BRANCH—Leave San Francisco, B 7.20, E 9.00, BC 9.30 and EC 11.30 A M; 1.30, 4.00 and 5.30 P M.

Leave Haywards, B 4.15, B 7.00, E 8.30, B 9.00 and E 11.00 A M, and 3.25 P M.

Leave Alameda, B 5.15, B 7.36, E 9.06 and E 11.36 A M, and 1.35 and 4 05 P M.

B—Sunday excepted. E—Sundays only.
D—To Oakland only. C—To Fruit Vale only.

A. N. TOWNE, General Superintendent.
T. H. Goodman, General Passenger Agent, Sacramento.
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Southern Pacific Railroad.

TIME SCHEDULE, APRIL 1, 1871.

TRAINS SOUTH—ON WEEK DAYS

Leave San Francisco.	Leave San Jose.	Arrive at Gilroy.
8.30 a m	10.55 a m	12.10 a m
4.40 p m	7.00 p m	8.00 p m
ON SUNDAYS.		
8.30 a m	10.55 a m	12.10 p m
9.50 a m	To San Jose only.	
3.40 p m	6.00 p m	7.00 p m

TRAINS NORTH—ON WEEK DAYS.

Leave Gilroy.	Leave San Jose.	Arrive at San Francisco.
6.00 a m	7.00 a m	9.10 a m
1.35 p m	2.50 p m	5.20 p m
ON SUNDAYS.		
7.00 a m	8.10 a m	10.30 a m
1.40 p m	2.55 p m	5.20 p m
	6.20 p m	8.40 p m

FREIGHT TRAINS

Leave San Francisco on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays, at 5.45 a m.

Leave Gilroy on Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays, at 5 a m.

On Saturdays, an extra train will leave San Francisco at 2.20 p m; Millbrae at 3.10; San Mateo at 3.20; Redwood City at 3.36; Menlo Park at 3.48, arriving at San Jose at 4.40.

Returning, will leave San Jose at 7.15, arriving at San Francisco at 9.30 p m.

RICHARD P. HAMMOND,
ap5tf General Superintendent.

CHANGE OF TIME.

NORTH PACIFIC TRANSPORTATION COMPANY.

CARRYING THE UNITED STATES MAIL.

THE STEAMSHIPS OF THE NORTH PACIFIC Transportation Company will leave as follows, on the following routes:

SENATOR,

FOR SANTA CRUZ, MONTEREY, SAN SIMEON, AND SAN LUIS OBISPO.

Leaving San Francisco at 3 o'clock P. M.

SAN FRANCISCO AND SAN DIEGO.

Leaving San Francisco at 9 o'clock A. M.

PELICAN,

FOR EUREKA, TRINIDAD, CRESCENT CITY, COOS BAY AND UMPQUA RIVER.

Leaving at 10 o'clock A. M.

FOR PORTLAND.—Sailing Days, April 5th, 13th, 21st and 29th, at 11 o'clock A M.

Through Bills of Lading signed for freight to Oregon City, Aurora, Gervais, Salem, Jefferson and Albany over O and C. R. R. without expense for transhipment to Portland.

HOLLADAY & BRENHAM, Agents,
ap5tf No. 217 Sansome street.

NEW ROUTE! QUICK TIME!

THE SAN FRANCISCO AND NORTH Pacific Railroad to Petaluma, Sonoma, Santa Rosa, and all intermediate points, via Donahue Landing, by steamer to Donahue; and from thence by cars to Petaluma and Santa Rosa, and by stages to Healdsburg, Sonoma City, and other points.

Time Table—On and after January 16th, 1871, the new and commodious steamer SACRAMENTO, Capt. Wm. Galloway, will leave daily (Sundays excepted), until further notice, as follows:

From Jackson-street Wharf, at 8.30 A M; Trains will leave Santa Rosa at 10 A M, Petaluma, 10.50 A M, Donahue at 11.20 A M, and arrive at San Francisco at 1.45 P M.

Through tickets to be had on board.

Shippers and travelers will find this the most expeditious and comfortable route.

Notice to Shippers—Freight received on dock until 8.30 A M, and after 12 M. For further information, inquire at the office, room 12, over Hibernia Bank.

P. DONAHUE, President.

Sunday Time Table—Steamer leaves as usual, 8.30 A M; arrives at Santa Rosa 12.30 P M. Stages for Sonoma at 12 M.

Returning—Leaves Santa Rosa 3 P M; Petaluma 3.40 P M; Sonoma 2 P M; arrives in San Francisco about 6 P M.

Fare for round trip to Santa Rosa and back, only $3.

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